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1. ILLICIT DRUG ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT MODERATE LEVELS THROUGH-
OUT JULY, GENERALLY INVOLVING POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS OF
MARIJUANA FOR PERSONAL USE.

2. THE SECOND MAN (CONTINUED)

NASSAU'S MAY NARCOTICS WRAP-UP (REFTEL) REPORTED THAT POLICE
WERE INVESTIGATING A PLANE CRASH OFF ONE OF THE SMALLER BAHAMIAN ISLANDS. THE PLANE CONTAINED A LARGE AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA, THE DECOMPOSED BODY OF A FORT LAUDERDALE MAN, BUT NO TRACE OF THE PLANE'S CHARTERER AND PRESUMED PILOT, MIKE ZORVICH. THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES, BUT NO NEW LEADS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. ZOROVICH'S WIFE HAS CLAIMED HIS LIFE INSURANCE, AND MIAMI PAPERS HAVE REPORTED THAT ZOROVICH HAD SOME SHADOWY CONTACTS IN FLORIDA AND THROUGHOUT THE CARIBBEAN. POLICE IN NASSAU SPECULATE OFFICIALLY THAT THE BODY MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED FROM THE WRECKAGE BY SHARKS, BUT ADD PRIVATELY THAT THE SHARKS MAY HAVE BEEN OF THE HUMAN VARIETY.

3. SECURITY MAN ARRESTED

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GILBERT HALL, A SECURITY MAN CONTRACTED TO THE U.S. NAVY'S ATLANTIC UNDERSEA TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER ON ANDROS ISLAND, WAS ARRESTED BY BAHAMIAN POLICE ON JULY 20. HE HAD ONE ENVELOPE OF MARIJUANA ON HIS PERSON AND 18 MORE WERE FOUND IN HIS RESIDENCE. RELEASED ON DOLS 1,500 BAIL, HALL PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGES JULY 23, WAS FINED DOLS 950, AND WAS RETURNED WITH HIS FAMILY TO THE U.S. ON JULY 24.

4. DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE

NASSAU POLICE RAIDED THE HOME OF BAHAMIAN NABATH FERGUSON ON JULY 13, WHERE THEY FOUND A DOZEN MARIJUANA PLANTS GROWING IN FLOWERPOTS. FERGUSON, SURPRISED, BEGAN TO EAT ALL THE PLANTS BEFORE THE EYES OF THE OFFICERS. HE WAS ONLY PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL.

5. ARRESTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

SIX U.S. CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF DRUGS DURING JULY. ALL SIX PLEADED GUILTY AND WERE RELEASED ON PAYMENT OF FINES.

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